

**NOTICE OF EMERGENCY CHANGES
TO THE 2018 UTAH ANTLERLESS APPLICATION GUIDEBOOK
ESTABLISHED BY THE WILDLIFE BOARD
FOR TAKING BIG GAME**

I, Michal Fowlks, by authority granted in Section 23-14-8(4) of the Utah Code and with approval of the Executive Director of the Utah Department of Natural Resources, declare an emergency amendment to the 2018 Utah Antlerless Application Guidebook. The following has been amended:

PRIVATE LANDS ONLY ANTLERLESS ELK PERMITS – SOUTH SLOPE, DIAMOND MTN/VERNAL AND SOUTH SLOPE, BONANZA/VERNAL (Uintah and Daggett Counties)

- Effective July 26, 2018, an administrative error led to the South Slope, Diamond MTN/Vernal Unit being allocated 300 Private Lands Only antlerless elk permits. However, the intended unit is the South Slope, Bonanza/Vernal.

There is very little agricultural land on the Diamond Unit and it is managed as a Limited Entry Bull unit. Therefore, the unit is not appropriate for a Private Lands Only antlerless elk hunt and may interfere with Limited Entry management objectives. Additionally, the elk population on Diamond Unit has been decreasing and is below objective. Allocating antlerless elk permits through the Private Lands Only program in addition to those permits already approved by the Wildlife Board may be detrimental to the population.

The South Slope, Bonanza/Vernal unit should be allocated the 300 permits as intended because much of the private property on this unit are agricultural lands along the Green River where landowners are experiencing elk depredation. Hunting pressure will hopefully move elk off of these lands and to areas with less human-wildlife conflict.

Except for other emergency changes made since January 1, 2018 all other rules established in the 2018 Antlerless Application Guidebook remain in effect.

UTAH DIVISION OF WILDLIFE RESOURCES


By: Michal Fowlks
Director

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 26th day of July, 2018.

My Commission Expires

9-20-2019



Notary Public

